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In re Application of:

John E. EBY et al.

Application No.: 09/749,033

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For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND
METHODS TO MAKE SURFACE
COVERINGS HAVING A NATURAL
APPEARANCE

Group Art Unit: 1774

Examiner: B. Shewareged

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In response to the final Office Action of March 12, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and continued examination of this application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 21-40 are currently pending. No claim has been amended. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, that claims 21-32, 39, and 40 have been allowed. For the reasons discussed in Section III, Applicants believe that the remaining claims, i.e., claims 33-38, are also in condition for allowance.

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